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In re application of: Hiroshi NOMURA

Application No. : 10/646,872

Filed : August 25, 2003

Mail Stop Amendment
Group Art Unit: 2872

For : A SUPPORTING STRUCTURE FOR SUPPORTING A ROTATABL RING

Examiner: A. SMITH

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
220 20th Street S.
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Arlington, VA 22202
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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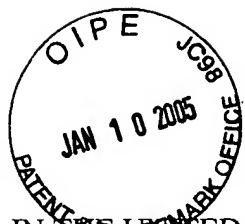
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir :

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated September 10, 2004, which set forth a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 10, 2004. Submitted with the present Response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to January 10, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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